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By late 1953 about 1,000 families in North Korea had moved from South Hamgyong Province and from Kangwon Province the Ongjin (N 37-56, E 125-22) (YC-0901) area, to take over farms which had been left vacant by their owners who went to South Korea with the United Nations forces during the retreat in 1950. The newcomers from the east coast were considered loyal to the Labor Party. They had traveled on foot, and upon reaching Ongjin expressed discouragement at the hardships and the scarcity of food during the journey.

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